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1. EMBASSY AND GOS WARMLY WELCOME VISIT TO STOCKHOLM OF STATE-TREASURY HUMAN RIGHTS TEAM. AS WASHINGTON AWARE, SWEDEN HAS CLOSELY FOLLOWED COURSE OF US POLICY FORMULATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. SWEDISH MEMBERSHIP AND POLICY IN THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK HAS BEEN A CONTROVERSIAL DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUE MUCH AS IT HAS BEEN IN THE US. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT A MEETING BETWEEN DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER AND MFA SEC GEN LEIF LEIFLAND LAST MONTH IN WASHINGTON WAS TAKEN UP ALMOST ENTIRELY WITH A REVIEW OF SWEDISH AND US EXPERIENCES
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IN THIS AREA (REF C).

2. HANS BLIX, SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER MINISTER OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE OLA ULLSTEN, WILL LEAD SWEDISH SIDE IN STOCKHOLM TALKS. FORMER AMBASSADOR TO NORTH VIETNAM BO KJELLEN, IN BLIX' OFFICE, DESIGNATED INTER-AGENCY COORDINATOR FOR VISIT. ACCORDING TO LATTER, MEETING WITH TEAM HAS BEEN SCHEDULED

FOR 10:15 AM ON FEBRUARY 6 AND WILL RUN THROUGH LUNCH TO BE HOSTED BY BLIX. TENTATIVELY, A CALL ON MINISTER ULLSTEN HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR 09:45 AM. SWEDISH SIDE ALSO WILL INCLUDE REPS FROM POLITICAL DEPARTMENT OF MFA AND MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (WHICH ADMINISTERS SWEDISH PARTICIPATION IN IDB), AND MFA LEGAL ADVISOR'S OFFICE.

3. EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ROBERT SHERWOOD HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AS CONTROL OFFICER FOR VISIT AND WILL MEET TEAM ON ARRIVAL AT ARLANDA AIRPORT, FEBRUARY 3. FOUR SINGLE ROOMS WITH BATH HAVE BEEN RESERVED AT GRAND HOTEL (COST IS SKR 195 PER NIGHT) (US\$1 EQUALS SKR 4.65).

4. EMBASSY WOULD HAVE DESIRED PARTICIPATION IN MEETING OF MFA LEGAL ADVISOR HANS DANELIUS GIVEN HIS IMMEDIATE INVOLVEMENT IN ALL ASPECTS OF SWEDISH HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY. DANELIUS WILL LEAD GOS DELEGATION TO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING IN GENEVA BEGINNING FEBRUARY 6 AND IS THUS UNAVAILABLE. BLIX AND EMBASSY AGREE, HOWEVER, THAT DANELIUS' PARTICIPATION NOT ABSOLUTELY VITAL AND THAT SWEDISH PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE EXCELLENT BRIEFINGS ON SWEDISH POSITION.
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